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SUBJECT: MINOR REVISIONS TO THE WALKER CREEK MERCURY TMDL STAFF
REPORT (ADOPTED JANUARY 2007)

While preparing the administrative record for the Walker Creek Mercury TMDL, we, as well as State Board staff, noticed several non-substantive changes that would help clarify both the proposed Basin Plan Amendment and the supporting Staff Report. This memo summarizes minor changes to the language in the January 2007 Staff Report (Total Maximum Daily Load for Mercury in the Walker Creek Watershed, dated November 20, 2007) that will support the proposed changes to the proposed Basin Plan Amendment Language (approved by our Board on January 13, 2007). We will post the modified Staff Report on our website, as well as provide a copy to State Board staff so it can be included in the State Board's Administrative Record.

Summary Of Minor Changes To The Walker Creek Mercury TMDL Staff Report

1. We have clarified that the newly established water quality objectives (as previously stated in the November 20, 2007 Staff Report) are for methylmercury concentrations in fish tissue, rather than total mercury. The total mercury fish tissue numeric targets in the TMDL are correct.

Pages: 29, 32, 68

2. We have also corrected text throughout the Staff Report inserting methylmercury in place of mercury as appropriate.

Pages 1, 11, 12, 14, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 37, 39, 42, 67, 70

3. We changed text in Section 6 to read, “All four proposed water quality targets are the same as, or more stringent than, the existing or proposed water quality objectives’ and “They are the same ~~as the~~ or more stringent then the proposed aquatic organism and wildlife objectives”.

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4. We clarified that EPA, in developing their mercury criterion for human health used a aqueous dissolved methylmercury value for lakes and added in the term dissolved when appropriate in the Staff Report. This is consistent with the existing Basin Plan Amendment language.

Pages 42, 44, 45, 50

5. On page 96, we corrected a spelling error.